At 3 p.m. yesterday the FBI arrested former CIA employee Edwin G. Moore on espionage charges after he tried to sell the Russians classified records for $200,000. In the early edition of this morning's WxPost the text of the story ran about 9 column inches, including page 1 and carryover. For this the Post had five reporters on the story. Short as the story is for one of that import it is shorter than it was originally. One Boynton Is quoted several time but his last name only is given. Indications are that he was quoted earlier and in the earlier quote identified. The story does not identify him. What little the Post carried could have been acquired in no time at all by a single reporter on the telephone. The one innocent explanation would be that the arrest was kep secret until close to press time. This also would account for all the manpower not repre ented in the brief text. The man had engaged in appraently wholesale theft of classified records. The caper he tried was crazy, leading me to believe he is. But the play in the Post is remarkably little if the story did not break too late for more space and attention to it. HW 12/23/76